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SUBJECT: ENNALS' TOUR OF GULF AND POLICY TOWARD PDRY

REF: MUSCAT 257, DOHA 245, LONDON 2865 AND 2939

1. WE HAVE CHECKED BACK WITH FCO'S CLARK ON DETAILS OF ENNALS' CONVERSATIONS DURING HIS RECENT TRIP TO THE GULF (LONDON REFTELS). CLARK REITERATED THAT, WHILE BRITISH POLICY TOWARD MIDDLE EAST WAS RAISED BY MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WITH WHOM ENNALS MET, THIS WAS NOT DONE IN CHALLENGING WAY. IN CASE OF KUWAIT, AS WE REPORTED, IT DID NOT EVEN COME UP FOR DISCUSSION UNTIL MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER WAS OVER. ONLY CHALLENGING QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE CAME FROM JOURNALISTS ALONG THE WAY, MOST OF WHOM WERE PALESTINIANS.

2. AMIR IN DOHA ASKED FOR LABOR PARTY POLICY TOWARD  
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MIDDLE EAST BUT DID NOT ARGUE MATTER. OTHER SUBJECTS

WERE COVERED IN THAT MEETING SUCH AS DEVELOPMENT PLANS,  
CONSUMER-PRODUCER RELATIONS, ETC.

3. ON POLICY TOWARD PDRY, CLARK DREW DISTINCTION  
BETWEEN ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AND GIVING  
OF AID. GOVERNMENTS IN THE GULF MADE IT CLEAR THEY  
INTENDED TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND DO WHAT THEY  
COULD TO FACILITATE CONCILIATORY CHANGE IN PDRY POLICY,  
BUT NOT ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THIS TIME.  
THIS IS CONSISTENT WITH AL-ALAWI'S VERSION (MUSCAT REF-  
TEL). CLARK SAID GULF GOVERNMENTS RECOGNIZED THAT  
THEIR ABILITY TO SUCCEED WITH CONCILIATORY POLICY HINGES  
TO A LARGE DEGREE ON SAUDI ARABIA'S ATTITUDE. KUWAITI  
PRIME MINISTER INDICATED HE EXPECTS TO VISIT SAUDI  
ARABIA IN NEAR FUTURE WITH THIS IN MIND. SINCE ENNALS  
DID NOT VISIT SAUDI ARABIA, HE WAS NOT ABLE TO SOUND OUT  
KING FAISAL OR HIS ASSISTANTS ON QUESTION OF FINANCIAL  
ASSISTANCE TO PDRY, SO THERE IS NO REASON TO DOUBT AL-  
ALAWI'S ACCOUNT OF FAISAL'S ATTITUDE ON THAT SCORE.

4. COMMENT. FROM OUR VIEWPOINT IN LONDON WE CONTINUE  
TO HAVE FEELING THAT OMANI GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS ABOUT WAY  
TO APPROACH PDRY ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BY FELLOW GULF  
GOVERNMENTS ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THEY AGREE WITH  
POLICY THOSE GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY DECIDED TO FOLLOW.  
SAUDI ARABIAN ATTITUDE IS IN A DIFFERENT CLASS. GULF  
STATES RECOGNIZE THAT THEY WILL NEED SAUDI ARABIAN CO-  
OPERATION IF CONCILIATORY POLICY IS TO HAVE A CHANCE OF  
SUCCESS. KING FAISAL, IN TURN, PRESUMABLY MAKES SUCH  
DECISIONS TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION A GREAT NUMBER OF  
FACTORS, OF WHICH SULTAN QABOOS' OPINIONS PROBABLY VERY  
MINOR. ON OTHER HAND, WE ARE PROBABLY SAFE IN ASSUMING  
THAT KING FAISAL FOR HIS OWN GOOD REASONS IS AS SKEPTI-  
CAL AS THE BRITISH OR SULTAN QABOOS OF SUCCESS ANY  
CONCILIATORY POLICY TOWARD PDRY MAY HAVE. IF HE AGREES  
TO SUPPORT CONCILIATORY GESTURES THIS WOULD LIKELY  
DERIVE FROM EGYPTIAN INFLUENCE ON HIS THINKING, PERHAPS  
EXPRESSED THROUGH SOME OF HIS TOP ADVISERS.

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